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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON STATISTICAL BACKGROUND REF C.
2. OUR CONCLUSION THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION LIKELY TO PASS AT 31ST UNGA BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF LAST YEAR'S EXTENSIVE BUT UNSUCCESSFUL LOBBYING EFFORT AT UN AND NUMEROUS CAPITALS COUPLED WITH OUR OWN PRESENTATION OF REASONABLE AND FORTH-COMING RESOLUTION. WE SEE NO REALISTIC POSSIBILITY OF MAKING MAJOR INROADS INTO CORE SUPPORT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 VOTES FOR NORTH KOREA RESOLUTION. WHILE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO INDUCE SOME DEFECTIONS, THIS WOULD AT MOST OFFSET LIKELY NEW MEMBER ADDITIONS TO PRO-NORTH KOREAN GROUP (E;G., ANGOLA, BELIZE). IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT ROKG AND OTHER CORE GROUP ALLIES SHARE THIS ASSESSMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO OUR OWN SUPPORT, WE FEEL THAT A
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SIGNIFICANT EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE ROUGHLY

60 POSITIVE VOTES 'ECESSARY TO CARRY OUR RESOLUTION.
HOWEVER, AT PRESENT, WE BELIEVE THIS IS A FEASIBLE OBJECTIVE
PARTICULARLY IF WE HAVE SUFFICIENT TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY.

VIEWS OF CORE GROUP AND OTHER ROKG SUPPORTERS WILL PROVIDE
BETTER BASIS FOR ANY INITIAL ESTIMATES OF SUPPORT FOR OUR
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